

ISAC Meeting – 2013-DC

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: An International Invasive Species Agreement

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1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:

In 2008, the biennial conference known as Weeds Across Borders drew up a first step towards a North American Invasive Plant Partnership. It was called the Banff Accord. The actual goal was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by Canada, Mexico and the United States to share information to slow the spread of costly weeds across all political boundaries through joint cooperation and collaboration.

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The partnership would be a natural extension of the National Invasive Species Management Plan's goals. Such an agreement would strengthen work on this issue within each country as well as collectively on the North American continent to slow the spread of all taxa of invasive species. This partnership is only interested in slowing the spread and impacts of invasive species once they have arrived on our continent.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

In 2012, following the Weeds Across Borders conference in Mexico, NISC formed a work group to study the possibility of an MOU or similar instrument to support an international partnership. Since beginning this work, we have gathered information on both opportunities and obstacles to this goal. The Federal Interagency Committee for Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds suggested the need for a discussion about our progress, after demonstrating their support for this proposed action.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

Support the signing of a North American Invasive Species Partnership Agreement.

5. ALTERNATIVES:

6. ATTACHMENTS: